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SUBJECT: DOD EQUIPMENT TEAM

REFS: A) STATE 17462 (DTG 231842Z JAN 78),
B) MANILA 1473 DTG 270906Z JAN 78)
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1. WE APPRECIATE AMOUNT OF WORK EMBASSY AND PHILS HAVE
DONE TO DEVELOP PROTOCOL AND SOCIAL SCHEDULE FOR TEAM PRO-
VIDED REF. B, AND CONCUR IN PARTICULAR WITH YOUR PLAN TO
MINIMIZE ANY ADDITIONS PHILS MAY DESIRE TO MAKE TO THE
SCHEDULE. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE EFFORTS OF BOTH PARTIES
TO MEET ALREADY TIGHT MILESTONES WOULD BE HAMPERED IF

EXAMINATION OF THE LIST IN MANILA DOES NOT GO AS SMOOTHLY AND QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS TO SCHEDULE PROVIDE IN THE INTEREST OF ENABLING TEAM AND PHILS TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK ON THE LIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A. AS NOTED REF. A, OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO INCLUDE BOTH SATURDAYS AS WORKING DAYS. WHILE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS SEEM TO HAVE ELIMINATED 4 FEBRUARY FROM CONSIDERATION IN THIS REGARD, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MORE PROFITABLE FOR TEAM AND PHILS TO SCHEDULE 11 FEBRUARY AS

POSSIBLE WORKING DAY TO TIDY UP ANY MATTERS LEFT UNSOLVED DURING THE WEEK. WHILE BAGUIO TRIP IS APPEALING AND WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, WE BELIEVE IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO HAVE THE DAY SET ASIDE FOR WORK PURPOSES. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO LEAVE BAGUIO TRIP OPEN UNTIL TEAM SEES HOW WORK PROGRESSES?

B. WE ANTICIPATE THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR TEAM TO DEPART MANILA AS SOON AS 14 FEBRUARY IF MEETINGS GO WELL. WE WOULD PREFER TO COMBINE ESPINO AND CASTRO DINNERS ON 11 FEBRUARY IF THIS IS WORKABLE. A RESCHEDULING OF EACH DINNER ONE DAY EARLIER WOULD ALSO BE QUITE ACCEPTABLE IF COMBINING THEM IS NOT POSSIBLE OR CONFIDENTIAL

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DESIRABLE.

3. OUR RATIONALE FOR THE ABOVE SUGGESTIONS IS BASED ON THE VERY SHORT TIME AVAILABLE TO US TO ACCOMPLISH THE TEAM'S MISSION, HAVE THEM RETURN TO WASHINGTON, PREPARE REPORT FOR USE IN DETERMINING A PACKAGE, AND SUBMIT IT FOR AGENCY APPROVAL. ONE WOULD THEN HAVE TO CONSULT WITH CONGRESS ON OUR VIEW OF A COMPENSATION AMOUNT AND GET IT READY FOR SUBMISSION TO MARCOS. IN VIEW OF THE EXTREMELY LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME AVAILABLE TO US AND TO THE GOP, WE BELIEVE IT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH THE TEAM AND THEIR PHIL COUNTERPARTS THAT THEIR WORK BE ACCOMPLISHED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE TEAM MAY RETURN TO WASHINGTON AND COMPLETE THE WORK WE NEED TO DO ON THIS END.

4. WE REGRET ANY HARDSHIP THIS PLACES ON EMBASSY OR ON PHILS. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE DIFFICULTIES WITH THIS APPROACH, WE REQUEST THAT YOU CONVEY TO THE PHILS OUR VIEWS AND SEEK TO MAKE NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS IN THE SCHEDULE. VANCE

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